

IDEAS, IDEALISM AND PRACTICAL ACTION

We are at the final years of a great energetic sweep of idealism. For two thousand years the 6th Ray of Idealism and Devotion has dominated and moulded human civilization. It is particularly important, then, that we understand the origin, function and impact of idealism.

Idealism is a middle principle. Ideals come into being in response to a material problem and contact with ideas. The Tibetan Master D.K. in *The Destiny of the Nations* on page 81 states: "It is a truism to remark that the history of the world is based upon the emergence of ideas, their acceptance, their transformation into ideals, and their eventual superseding by the next imposition of ideas. It is in this realm of ideas that humanity is not a free agent. This is an important point to note. Once an idea becomes an ideal, humanity can freely reject or accept it, but ideas come from a higher source and are imposed upon the racial mind, whether men want them or not. Upon the use made of these ideas (which are in the nature of divine emanations, embodying the divine plan for planetary progress) will depend the rapidity of humanity's progress or its retardation for lack of understanding".

Ideas are contacted by those who have developed higher intuition. They have learned some technique for holding the mind steady in the light. They have learned the art of silence. They then become receptive to ideas being seeded by the Kingdom of Souls: the Spiritual Hierarchy which guides the evolution of the planet. We do not create ideas, we only prepare ourselves to be pure enough to receive them.

Once we have received an idea, we can enter into the creative process. We make the idea into an ideal. We do this by making the idea attractive to humanity by infusing it with emotion. The higher and subtle emotions are able to colour the idea with little distortion of its intention while the grosser emotions make the idea appealing to those with selfish interests.

The ideal expressed as idealism sweeps people into action to improve or heal existing conditions. Though the process is never perfect, if the actions remain true to the ideal and the ideal remains true to the idea then great good emerges.

An example of this process is the following:

IDEA: All things essentially express through a three-fold expression. In the Ageless Wisdom Teachings we have the trinity of Shamballa, Hierarchy and Humanity. Shamballa expresses the 1st or Will and Power aspect. Hierarchy expresses the 2nd or Love/ Wisdom aspect. Humanity expresses the 3rd or Creative Intelligence aspect.

IDEAL: This idea expresses in three types of governance. Totalitarian regimes express the 1st aspect of Will and Power. A true expression of this ideal would be a culture ruled by one who expressed the Good, the True and the Beautiful. His/Her will would be that this flowers within all. All within this culture would freely link their will to the leaders will and dynamically rise in the expression of the Good. Because we are not ready to understand or use the higher will, we currently have only distortions of this ideal present within our human culture.

Democracies express the 2nd aspect of Love/Wisdom. A true expression of this ideal would be a culture in which all would be seen as essentially equal, but there would be a recognition of a hierarchy of consciousness. All members of society would have access to a highly developed form of education that would train their hearts and minds. The leaders would be the most conscious members of the society. We are closer to expressing this ideal because humanity is moving rapidly towards identifying with its soul or higher self. Yet, it is easy to see that our democracies are far from the ideal.

Communism expresses the 3rd aspect of Creative Intelligence. The ideal expression would produce a culture where each person was seen as equal regardless of age, sex or race. All material things would be shared on the basis of need. Decisions would be made by the group. This form of governance is truly a human one. It harkens back to early points in human evolution. The 20th century forms of communism were taken over by totalitarian leaders and were, therefore, unable to express the ideal.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: The person or group who responds to the ideal finds ways to ground the ideal in daily life. Organizations are created. Books, manuals and educational systems are created and used to train the individuals within the culture to live the ideal.

After 2000 years of exposure to idealism, most members of the human race respond to ideals and they are controlled by them. They are, therefore, highly effective tools for making rapid change. But, in the process of creating and working with ideals we will be severely tested. The high ideas can easily be clothed in emotions which separate rather than unite. Also, the ideals can stay so high that there is no practical application.

Our challenge at this time of planetary crisis will be to intuit the new ideas and wrap them in high ideals. If the ideals are close to the ideas and emotionally powerful, our ideals will make ideas, like Brotherhood, real and be what will take us into a golden age.